

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A problem to be solved by the present invention is to eliminate variation in potential in a turn-off time period of each GTO element, and to stabilize a gate drawing current by surely performing the turn-off of the GTO element. In an inverter apparatus ~~(11) having a three-phase inverter (14) configured to include paired GTO elements UP, UN, VP, VN, WP, and WN connected in a bridge configuration and to convert a power supply voltage, which is supplied from a dc power supply (13), by the GTO elements UP, UN, VP, VN, WP, and WN into an ac voltage,~~ an inverter control portion has a simultaneous switching prevention function of delaying a turn-on operation of each of the GTO elements ~~VN and WN,~~ which correspond to phases other than a phase corresponding to an optional one of the GTO elements and also correspond to an electrode opposite to an electrode corresponding to the optional one of the GTO elements, ~~for example, the GTO element UP,~~ by a predetermined time in a case where a turn-on command signal for turning on each of the GTO elements ~~VN and WN, which correspond to the other phases,~~ is generated within a predetermined time period since the turn-off of the optional one of the GTO elements.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of eight drawings include replacement drawings for
Figures 1-8.